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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR BROOKE

1. IN VIEW OF NONRECEIPT BY EMBASSY OF SENATOR BROOKE'S LETTER OF MARCH 20 (DEPT/EMB TELECON APRIL 8), TEXT OF LETTER IS PROVIDED BELOW:

"I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT I EXPECT TO VISIT HAITI ON APRIL 15, 16 AND 17, 1974. MY PURPOSES WILL BE THREE-FOLD: TO EXAMINE U.S. AID PROGRAMS IN THAT COUNTRY: TO EXAMINE INVESTMENTS BY U.S. BUSINESSES IN HAITI THAT ARE INSURED TO A GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT BY FEDERAL AGENCIES OR OTHER U.S. QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OPIC: AND TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES THAT HAITI IS IN SUBSTANTIAL DEFAULT ON CONTRACTS IT HAS MADE WITH SEVERAL U.S. BUSINESSES. I WILL BE TRAVELING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. I SERVE AS THE RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THAT SUBCOMMITTEE.

"MR. WILLIAM DAVID ROSSITER, OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE STAFF, WILL ACCOMPANY ME. ACCOMMODATIONS ARE

BEING ARRANGED BY MY OFFICE FOR BOTH MR. ROSSITER AND MY-SELF. HOWEVER, ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT OFFER IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WE WILL POSSIBLY ARRIVE IN

PORT AU PRINCE ON THE NIGHT OF SUNDAY APRIL 14, 1974. MY OFFICE WILL INFORM YOUR EMBASSY OF THE EXACT ARRIVAL TIME AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

"DURING MY STAY, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD PLAN FORMAL MEETINGS TO BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN 10:00 AM. THE FIRST MEETING SHOULD BE A DETAILED BRIEFING BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL ON POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS IN HAITI. OTHER MEETINGS SHOULD BE ARRANGED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS: HAITIAN POLITICAL LEADERS INCLUDING. IF POSSIBLE, PRESIDENT DUVALIER: HAITIAN OFFICIALS WHO ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN COORDI-NATING U.S. ASSISTANCE, (MY FRENCH IS RUSTY SO I WILL NEED THE SERVICES OF AN INTERPRETER) U.S. AID PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (I WISH TO MEET WITH PROJECT DIRECTORS AND U.S. PERSONNEL WHO DIRECTLY INTERACT WITH THE POPULATION IN CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMS); OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN AID PROJECTS IN HAITI; REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN HAITI; AND INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY SERVE AS A BONAFIDE POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO THE DUVALIER GOVERNMENT. I REALIZE MEETINGS WITH THIS LAST GROUP MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE, IN FACT, IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO. IN THAT EVENT I WOULD EXPECT A DETAILED EXPLANATION AS TO WHY SUCH A MEETING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. I ALSO DESIRE TO SPEND A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME VISITING SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN EITHER ENTIRELY OR IN PART FINANCED BY U.S. ASSISTANCE.

"I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO A POSSIBLE ITINERARY FOR MY VISIT NO LATER THAN APRIL 5, 1974.

"WITH KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS, I AM, SINCERELY YOURS,"

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